

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to submit claims directed to some preferred embodiments of the invention. The claims are fully supported by the original application as filed. In addition, the first page of the specification has been amended to recite the priority claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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In the Specification:

The paragraph on page 1, lines 3-10 has been amended as follows:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/115,475, filed July 15, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,372,457, which is a continuation-in-part application of PCT Application No. PCT/US98/00800, filed January 14, 1998, which designates the United States. PCT/US98/00800 claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/035,494, filed January 14, 1997. [Both] U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/115,475, PCT Application No. PCT/US98/00800 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/035,494 are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--

In the Claims:

Claims 1-18, 43 and 52 were canceled.

Claims 61-80 were added.